

HOUSE RESOLUTION 189
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A RESOLUTION to honor the late Charles "Charlie" Carroll Martin upon the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memory of a remarkable professional who during his lifetime rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting a select group of worthy individuals into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who, "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during, "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2006 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes the late Charles "Charlie" Carroll Martin, a legendary trainer and breeder of numerous World Grand Champion Tennessee Walking Horses and Celebration winners; and

WHEREAS, a native son of Tennessee, Charlie Martin was known for his keen sense and great ability to look at a colt or horse and see a winning future; during his career he won World Grand Championships with two different ponies in 1960 and 1963, a World Pony Championship in 1968, a Two Year Old Championship in 1966, a Two Year Old World Championship with Masterpiece Miss, a Juvenile Championship in 1973, and a Mare Championship with Rock A Bye Lady; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Martin produced, bought, and sold numerous weanlings and yearlings that were winners at The Celebration, but he was especially proud of a horse bred and raised by himself and his son, Joe, the 1993 World Grand Champion, The Touch; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who valued his family above all else, Mr. Martin attended every Celebration ever held with his wife, Anita, until his passing; and

WHEREAS, sadly, Mr. Martin passed from this world to a far better existence in the winter of 2000; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Charlie Martin has posthumously earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage to his life of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor the memory of the late Charles “Charlie” Carroll Martin on the occasion of his posthumous induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame, as we warmly remember his consummate career spent in service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.